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Draft report

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Chapter ____. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-third session at United Nations Headquarters on 20 February 2004 and from 9 to 18 February 2005. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2005/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau. In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st meeting, on 20 February 2004:

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Chairperson:
Dumisani Shadrack (South Africa)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Paloma Durán (Spain)
Ewald Wensley Limon (Suriname)
Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Octavian Stamate (Romania)

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 2005, the Commission was advised that Ms. Durán was unable to carry out her functions as Vice-Chairperson.

5. Consequently, the Commission elected Gerda Vogl (Austria) by acclamation as Vice-Chairperson to replace Ms. Durán.

6. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Octavian Stamate (Romania) Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2005/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2002-2003;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007;
   (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.

8. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2005/L.1.

E. Documentation

9. The documents before the Commission at its forty-third session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.